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## TOWN OF NEWTOWN

### BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

**The Board of Police Commissioners  
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, November 2, 2021  
191 South Main Street, Newtown  
Conference Room**

### MINUTES ARE NOT FINALIZED UNTIL APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

**Present:** Joel Faxon, Scott Cicciari, Neil Chaudhary, Joan Plouffe, Andy Sachs

**Also Present:** Chief Viadero, Capt. Vanghele, Officer McCarthy, Officer Figol, eight members of the public and one member of the press.

Chairman Faxon called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

#### **Public Participation:**

**Alexa Larson** believes the escalation data at the last meeting was incorrect. She plans to submit something in writing once she completes her report. She said her row at the Victory Garden was stolen.

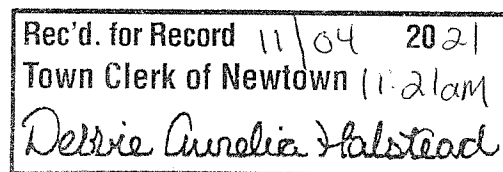
**Scott Jackson, 156 Sugar Lane** supports the speed enforcement on Toddy Hill Road as he was witness to a vehicle attempting to get the speed trailer to register a high rate of speed. Chairman Faxon stated Toddy Hill Road will continued to be monitored. Chief Viadero stated the most enforcement is on Toddy Hill Road. Mr. Jackson asked about speed enforcement cameras; Chief Viadero said they are not statutorily allowed in CT.

**Greg Pategas, 126 Toddy Hill Rd.,** asked if there was any follow up to the center line etching north of the flagpole. Chief Viadero said it's difficult as that is parking area; the State will look at the area of the fog line. Mr. Pategas said the special act relative to the flagpole expired in 1996 and there is no law that precludes moving the flagpole. There was further discussion from the board about past meetings with the state and public hearings. The state hasn't done anything because it does not receive support from the residents of the Town (Borough). Chairman Faxon suggested Mr. Pategas reach out to Representative Bolinsky and/or Senator Hwang.

**Molly Soto, 4 Deerfield Drive** asked if it was possible to put a light at the flagpole. Chairman Faxon noted Main Street is a state road, under the CT DOT jurisdiction. It was also suggested Ms. Soto contact Representative Bolinsky and/or Senator Hwang as citizen voices are most important.

**Candide Slinko, 79 Toddy Hill Road** asked if the speed trailer next to her driveway could be moved back a bit as there is a site line issue when exiting her driveway.

**Police Union Participation:** none.



**Consideration and action on the minutes:** Commissioner Cicciari moved to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of October 5, 2021 and the minutes for the special meeting of October 25, 2021. Commissioner Plouffe seconded. All in favor.

**Chief's Report:** The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration in November 13. There was a break in at Newtown Deli on October 29; several officers did a phenomenal job and are going forward with a warrant. Halloween on Main Street was very busy; officers were out from 4pm-8pm. Chief Viadero thanked Andy Sachs for twelve years of honorable service to the Police Commission. Andy stated it was pleasure and honor to serve and have a small part in great change in the department as well as a part of ushering through some dark times in Town. He can't say enough about the police force and the direction it is going.

Commissioner Chaudhary asked if there is a limit to what a speed trailer will record. Capt. Vanghele said they are set blink at a maximum level approximately 5-10mph over the speed limit.

**Old Business:**

**Personnel Update:** Frank Piazza will graduate the Milford Academy on November 17. Amanda Lopez is doing well at the Waterbury Academy. Peter Wlasuk has finished FTO and is on his own. Barry Hyvarian is going through comparative certification training and will likely be on his own in January. Officer Lorancaitis will be sworn in as a Sergeant tomorrow; he will go through a modified FTO program for Sergeant.

**Commissioner Participation:** Chairman Faxon thanked Commissioner Sachs, saying it is a commitment of both time and energy and noted it has been a pleasure serving together. The commission agreed. Commissioner Cicciari stated it has been a pleasure to serve and he hopes to have to opportunity to continue serving.

**Adjournment:** Having no further business the regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Susan Marcinek, Clerk*